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Week of July 2, 2017

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-7

If you have made Jesus your Lord, you have the **present reality** of God's **Holy Spirit** at work in you! What does that mean to you?

If the present reality of the Holy Spirit is given to you for the common good, that means three things. Share with the group how each of the following statements impacts you these days.

- What I have from the Spirit isn't for me. Other people need me.
- What I have from the Spirit isn't enough for me. I need other people.
- I most need people who aren't like me.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

Paul describes a number of different "gifts" of the Spirit. We will be talking about these and others in the following weeks, but briefly, what has your experience been with the things Paul mentions in this list?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Paul describes Christians as different parts of the body. What point is he trying to make overall? How do you understand the paragraph from verse 21-26?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-30

Compare this list to his earlier list in verses 8-11. What is similar and what is different? Why do you think Paul made the changes he made?

Take it Home

Over these next few weeks, there are three questions we will try to answer: (1) Do I have the Spirit working in me? (2) What gifts have I been given? (3) How can my gifts serve the common good?

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